

Amendments to the Drawings

In the drawings, Figure 6C is sought to be amended to change reference number 677 to 678 and to change reference number 678 to 677 to correspond to the discussion found in paragraph [0058] of the specification as originally filed. These changes introduce no new matter. Annotated and replacement drawing sheets showing Figure 6C are submitted herewith.

Identification of the annotated and replacement drawing sheets submitted herewith is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84(c) and 1.121(d). Acknowledgement of the receipt, approval, and entry of the replacement drawing sheet showing Figure 6C into this application is respectfully requested.

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-28, 30-33, 35-40, and 42-62 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 19, 31, and 54 being the independent claims. Claims 29, 34, and 41 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter found therein. Claims 19 and 31 are sought to be amended to incorporate the features of claims 29 and 34, respectively. Claim 30 is sought to be amended to show proper antecedent basis due to the amendment to claim 19. Claims 33, 35, 37, 40, and 43 are sought to be amended to show proper antecedent basis due to the amendment to claim 31. Claim 20 is sought to be amended to add the word “the” in order to show proper antecedent basis. Claim 42 is sought to be amended to correct its dependency due to the cancellation of claim 41. These changes introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In the specification, the Abstract is sought to be amended to delete the title (to address the Examiner’s objection discussed below) and to ensure the word count is below the 150-word limit. In the drawings, Figure 6C is sought to be amended to switch reference numbers 677 and 678 to correspond with the discussion found in paragraph [0058] of the specification as originally filed. Annotated and replacement drawing sheets showing Figure 6C are submitted herewith. These changes introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification

The current Office Action states on page 2, section 3, that the Abstract is objected to because the title is present and should be deleted. In order to address this objection, the Abstract has been amended herein to remove the title. The Abstract has also been amended to bring the word count below the 150-word limit. These changes add no new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the Abstract be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowance / Allowability of Claims 1-18, 29-30, and 33-62

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the allowance or allowability of claims 1-18, 29-30, and 33-62.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

The Office Action states on page 3 (section 5) that claims 19-25, 31, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Pat. Publ. No. 2005/0034009 A1 to Sutardja *et al.* (hereinafter, “Sutardja”). The Office Action also states on page 4 (section 8) that claims 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Sutardja in view of U.S. Pat. Publ. No. 2003/0059036 A1 to Casper *et al.* (hereinafter, “Casper”). Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn based on the following remarks.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections, independent claims 19 and 31 are sought to be amended to include the features of allowable claims 29 and 34, respectively. This amendment results in the allowability of claims 19 and 31. Accordingly, the claims that depend from claims 19 and 31 (including rejected dependent claims 20-28 and 32) are also

allowable, by virtue of their respective dependencies, as well as for their respective additional distinguishing features. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 19-28, 31, and 32 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

The stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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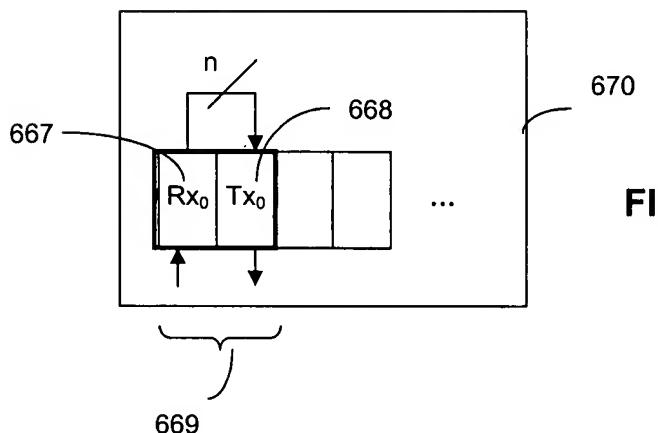


FIG. 6A

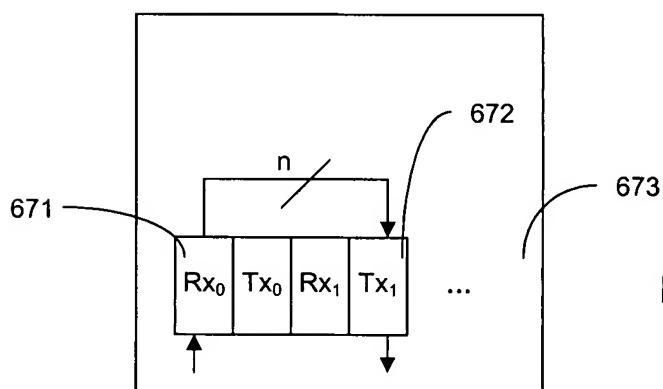


FIG. 6B

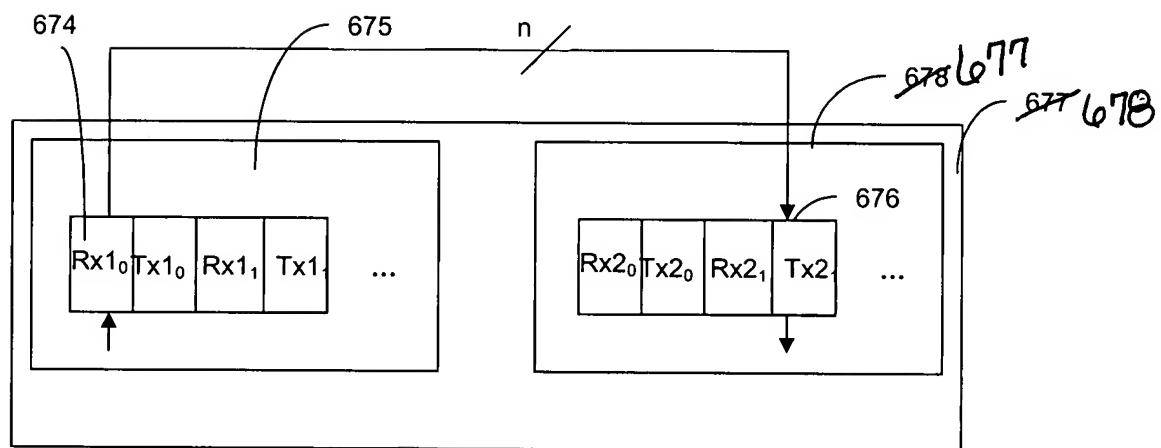


FIG. 6C